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COMPULSORY PACKAGING IN JUTE BAGS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has continued reservation for 100% jute packing for foodgrains and sugar;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that such reservation affects the plastic woven sack industries;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to dilute/repeal such provisions;

(d) whether the Standing Advisory Committee had recommended 75% reservation for foodgrains and 20% for sugar under the Jute Packaging Material Act, 1987 for the Jute Year 2006-07; and

(e) if so, the final decision taken on the recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes. Sir.

(b): Compulsory packaging in jute bags has been provided for only two commodities foodgrains & sugar and that too for packaging in bags for weight between 25.00 kgs to 100.00 kgs. All other commodities, besides foodgrains and sugar in bags of weight less than 25.00 kgs or more than 100.00 kgs may be packed in any other kind of bags. The reservation for jute packaging of foodgrains and sugar only affects the plastic woven sack industries, minimally.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Standing Advisory Committee had recommended 75% reservation for foodgrains and 70% (not 20%) for sugar for the jute year 2006-07.

(e): The Government after considering the recommendations of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)decided for 100% packaging of both foodgrains and sugar in jute bags, with certain exemptions and issued orders accordingly.